

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1565

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HANDLING OVER OF ROUTES TO PRIVATE OPERATORS IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to connect the district headquarters with Kolkata, State capital, through Air route in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether these routes are likely to be handed over to private operators or be run by the State owned airlines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c): No, Sir. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-Eastern region. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines.

(d): No proposal to hand over any routes to private operators is under consideration of the Government.

(e): Does not arise.